

Bee City Council Resolution

Council Meeting dated June 27, 2017

CR2017-569

Moved By Councillor O'Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Miller

RESOLVED THAT Report PLAN2017-046, Bee City Designation, be received;

THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes adopt the Bee City Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS the goal of Bee City designation is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for bees and other pollinators;

THAT bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, climate change, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for the future health of flora and fauna;

THAT cities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land;

THAT supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among community stewards;

THAT becoming a Bee City means creating and protecting pollinator habitat which aligns with the goals of the City of Kawartha Lakes Official Plan;

THAT by becoming a Bee City, the City can highlight initiatives already in place and further engage local communities in an environment of creativity and innovation which will promote a healthier life for our community;

THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City communities by designating the City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) as the Bee City program sponsor, agreeing to display Bee City signage in a prominent location, and maintaining information available to the public on this initiative.

THAT staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate the City of Kawartha Lakes as a Bee City; and

THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes commits to the standards of the Bee City Program.

CARRIED